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PROGRAM Senator Barry Goldwater
Commentary

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KEN ALVORD: Well there's a flurry in the press Senator, over an area that you're closely involved in, and that is the leash or lack of it, on our intelligence community, and reported documents that even suggest maybe the CIA might be loosed in this country to conduct covert operations. Others saying no that's not true.

Can you help us put into fact into what the thinking is at this point?

SENATOR BARRY GOLDWATER: Well, I really can't do much for you. What appeared in the paper yesterday was a leak. And, of course there s more leaks around this town than a tin roof with holes in it. And to be perfectly honest with you, all that the Intelligence Committee has heard about this are two advance suggestions.

Now if I were to guess I would say that the old Carter orders, the orders that stemmed out of the Frank Church committee, will be done away with to a large extent and the intelligence community will be able to act more in the interests of the United States than they have been, probably since World War II.

ALVORD: Well, let's tackle for a moment this question of whether or not the CIA should be allowed to -- and I think in the name of fighting international terrorism -- to conduct any kind of covert operations within the limits of the United States

As far as you're concerned, and to whatever extent you believe the mood of your committee is clear, would they buy that kind of thing?

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